

Good News Letter

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Welcome to September! For me, the month begins with the end of a vacation that includes a trip to Scotland. When I return, it will be Rally Day, the time when we resume regular scheduling, with Sunday School at 9:30am and Worship at 10:45am.

The class I teach will be a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans, which is the only letter he sent to a congregation of which he was not the founder, and did not personally know many of the people. It is the most famous of the epistles, and contains the great exposition of the meaning of the gospel that has always been a focal point of Christian theology. Along the way he writes many well-known verses, including:

"For in the gospel a righteousness of God has been revealed that is by faith from first to last." (Romans 1:17, NIV)

"Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and



the whole world held accountable to God" (Romans 3:19); and,

"We maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from observing the law." (3:28); and,

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

There are many others, way too many to list here, but the letter reaches a zenith in the eighth chapter;

" . . . we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (8:37-39).

And then as is his custom, Paul concludes with practical application:

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

I am excited about the chance to Study Romans again. Anyone who would like to join is welcome.

I am thankful for the chance to take some time away, and look forward both to Scotland, and to time with family. I know that you will be praying for me while I am away, and, as always, I will keep all of you in *my* prayers. See you on September 8th.

Blessings,
- Mark

**September
Panera Volunteers**

Wed **Thur**
Sept 4-Lovell Sept 5-Lovell
Sept 11-Grubbs Sept 12-Grubbs
Sept 18-Brown Sept 19-Volunteer
 needed
Sept 25-Gosser Sept 26-Lovell /
 Remlinger
Thank you all for volunteering.
There is a new sign-up sheet for
the fall quarter in the Gathering
Place

PERSONALS

- Thanks to Richard and Laura Brown for hosting the church picnic last month. A good time was had by all.
- Former member Fred Grubbs passed away on August 12 in Mount Vernon.
- Richard Brown had successful hip replacement surgery and is recovering.
- Pastor Mark has been traveling in Scotland for several weeks.
- Brennan Howe has started Project Search at Grady.

FASHIONS & FIXIN'S

Common Ground Free Store will once again hold their fundraiser called Fashions & Fixin's. It will be held on Thursday, September 12, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at OWU's Hamilton-Williams Center.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please take a moment to join the rest of the world in praying for peace on Saturday, September 21.

**A LETTER FROM
BETH TRIGG**

Evan was transferred on Monday to the Noble County Correctional Facility. This is near Marietta, Ohio. While it is a distance from us, Evan sounds well and is settling in and making friends. He tells us he has already signed up for classes and may have a job on the grounds crew. He is in an honor dormitory for good behavior and being a first offender.

He states there is more freedom and he refers to stay there rather than move closer to Delaware. Just a longer drive for Archie and I, but they do offer weekend hours for visitation.

Should any church members like to drop him a note, share a scripture or just say, "Hi" here is his address:
Evan Trigg A828932
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Mail Processing center
884 Coitsville-Hubbard Rd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44505

Many Thanks,
Beth Trigg

American Baptist Women

Our August lunch was very productive. We made plans for the fall quarter. Our September 21 luncheon will be in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. We will have a baked potato bar. All the "fixins" will be furnished. Ladies may bring a dessert if they choose to, but not much is needed.

We have received an invitation to this year's ASPIRE event to be held at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on Schrock Road in Westerville on Friday,

October 18. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., and we will carpool from our church. Tickets are \$30. Please let Laura Brown know if you wish to attend by September 8 so that she can order the tickets.

RALLY DAY

I would like to invite everyone to participate in Sunday school this year. The Adult I Class will be taught by Candy Lee and Pam Faulk, and they will be using the Baptist Journeys Series. The Adult II Class, taught by Pastor Allison will be focusing on the book of Romans. This year Larry Faulk will be starting a Young Adult Class. They will be studying the Bible through film and other resources. Pam Faulk will teach the Youth Class. Rally Day will be Sunday, September 8. We will kick off the year with coffee and pastries at 9:15 a.m. in the Gathering Place. Classes will begin at 9:30. Please make a commitment this year to attend Sunday school.

-Pam Faulk

***Birthdays
and
Anniversaries***



September

- 1 Elijah Showalter
- 3 Alec Ferguson
- 9 Kip & Barbara Smith
- 14 Marci Cooper
- 22 Calvin & Taylor Turner
- 25 David Spear
- 29 Ian Ferguson
- Evan & Devin Allison
- 30 MaryLou Lovell

Please report any errors.

"REGULAR HOURS"

On September 8, Rally Day, our Sunday worship service will go back to our regular start time of 10:45 a.m.



GAME NIGHT

On Saturday, September 14, we will have a game night in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. Come and join in the fun!

Mission/Outreach News

During July and the first week in August, the congregation donated school supplies for those children needing them at Conger Elementary School. I delivered 11 bags of school supplies to Conger. The secretaries are always so grateful to see the supplies come so that they can help those students who do not have them.

Money was also donated to purchase gift cards by People in Need (PIN) to be given to parents in need of buying shoes for their children. Children always love getting new shoes especially to begin the new year of school. Thanks to all for your generosity to provide for the children of our community. We contributed \$630 for shoes

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Recovery
Jenni Pedzinski and family	Father's stroke
Richard Brown	Recovery
Condolences to the Grubbs family on the death of Fred Grubbs	

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

In August, the basket in the Welcome Center has continued to be filled with food items that will be given to People In Need. People In Need has a pick up from 1:00-4:00 pm on the last Wednesday of the month, in which they offer food, fresh fruits, and vegetables. They also provide food on an as-needed basis. Thank you for giving.

Undies Sundays

Undies Sundays are back for the month of September! Please shop for new underwear of all sizes so we can give it to the Common Ground Free Store. Common Ground Free Store is a nonprofit organization in which many volunteers give their time to sort clothes, fill shelves with household items, and provide a meal.

If families are in need because of their financial situation or had a house fire, or another crisis, Common Ground allows them to come in and get what they need free. They always need new underwear of all sizes for women, men, and children.

Please put your donations in the basket in the Welcome Center.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thank you to the dedicated people who pick up unsold items from Panera, rebag them for ease of distribution, and take them to Willis School on Thursday, and Andrews House on Fridays. Willis has a food pantry from which items are distributed. Andrews House meets the needs of those who come in. If you would like to help with this, please talk to Larry Faulk, Pam Faulk, or Carol Grubbs.

Benevolence Fund

The Board of Deacons manages the Benevolence Fund. Offerings to the fund are used to help special needs within our fellowship and community. We make monthly contributions from the fund to Helpline and PIN in order to support needs within the community. While we emphasize benevolence offerings on Communion Sundays, contributions to the benevolence fund are appreciated any time.

-Larry Faulk, deacon chair

Repairs Needed

Organ - For the past few Sundays, we have not been able to enjoy our beautiful pipe organ because the motor that powers the blower that provides the air for the pipes is in need of repair. Plans have been made to have the motor overhauled.

Congress Ct - The basement walls in our rental property are in need of vertical beam supports to provide stability and prevent any further damage. Our site management company will supervise those repairs.

While each of the above repairs are necessary and will cost quite a bit, your contributions to our capital improvements and memorial funds enable us to deal with these issues. Your continued support is appreciated.

News from our missionary Jeni Pedzinski

First, thank you for praying for my continued ministry with IM; recruiting, training, and caring for new missionary recruits! I base out of the Philadelphia area, and travel about 50% of the time. I visit and speak at churches, conferences, retreats, and invite folks of all walks of life to consider God's invitation to global service. Most recently, I've traveled and spoken in New Jersey, Virginia, western Pennsylvania, and even had a call with a young woman from Canada!

My next trip will be to Colorado for 2.5 weeks, visiting prospective candidates and churches there! Please pray with me that God will move in the hearts of God's people, and that they would respond with openness and willingness to follow God's call. I long to see a new wave of global

servants committed to service and sacrifice.

As of June 1st, IM asked me to direct all of its mission engagement; both long and short-term. Instead of working on my own and focusing solely on long-term recruitment, I now oversee a team of 4 people who are all focused on engaging the people of God in the mission of God, whether for one week, one year, or for a lifetime. My title is now "Mission Engagement Director". I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve this way, and believe God has called and prepared me to do so.

This expansion of my role at IM has added a lot of responsibility, but also a lot of joy and freedom to grow in servant leadership. Please pray that God would teach me and guide me as I lead the mission engagement team.

You will remember that my father, Tim had a severe stroke on January 2, 2023 and is permanently and severely physically and mentally disabled. He now lives in a long-term skilled nursing home, and is medically stable. His condition, at just 64 years old, is extremely difficult and disheartening for my mom, Marcia. For all practical purposes, she is living as both a widow and a caretaker. Please pray for her health; emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

Personally, I am doing well. Tired and stretched, but well. My current favorite activity is playing pickle ball.

Thank you all, once again, for your continued prayer and loving kindness. I look forward to the next time we get to see one another!

-Jeni

News from missionary, Sarah McCurdy

Thank you for journeying and partnering with me in my international mission work. God is leading me to return to the classroom to teach French and Spanish. Additionally, God is calling me to join Peter at a higher level of involvement at the local church where he is currently pastoring in Jeffersonville, Indiana. God is calling us to do ministry together. My last day as a Regional Coordinator for Education in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean with International Ministries is July 31, 2024.

I will begin my new position as a Spanish teacher at a local high school. However, I will continue with International Ministries in a volunteer role as a Special Assistant for Education in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. This will allow me to continue building relationships with IM partners and Global Servants involved in K-12 education, assisting them as time and funds permit.

I will continue managing my 2 projects; Mini Libraries for the Talita Cumi Girls Clubs and the Deborah's House tutoring project. Both were adopted this summer as a yearly state project by 2 different American Baptist Women's Ministry Regions! Additionally, I will take over managing 3 projects from Patti Long who will retire soon. These projects support the Didaque School every school year and its outreach to the neediest children of Tijuana, including special needs students. What does this mean for you as my prayer and financial supporters?

(continued on back of calendar)

You may continue to pray for my family and me. We are grateful for your prayers.

You can continue your current financial gift to my mission work by transferring your giving to any of the 5 projects that I manage. Alternatively, you may transfer your mission giving support to one of my colleagues who need new ongoing support: Jae Stockton assists with hybrid tutoring program Deborah's House in Tijuana. Sarah Matos assists with the TCGC program and other ministry needs in Mexico.

Deliris Carrion-Joseph leads Deborah's House ministry in Tijuana.

Roberto and Molly Juarez implement and train volunteer in an educational program based on biblical values that teachers peacebuilding in public schools in El Salvador.

Sarah's complete message to us is copied and on the bulletin board for you to read.

Anne and Bill Clemmer, missionaries

Information from posting on International Ministries Website on April 15, 2024

Anne and Bill Clemmer are in the DCCongo working on a project begun in 2021 to help the street children of Goma. The first phase was the construction of a 2 story structure with classrooms, a counseling room, office, kitchen and emergency safe heaven . The children attending the program are ages 5-12, with the priority to the most vulnerable: younger children and those with disabilities. They receive sort-term relief(food, clothing, medical care) alongside trauma counseling, educational and life-skills training that will build their resilience and self-assurance. You can contribute to this project. (See the bulletin board).

47% of the population of DR Congo is said to be children 14 years old and younger. In Goma, an area with much insecurity and turmoil, thousands of children are living on the streets for various reasons.

There is a print out with more information on the bulletin board.

Forgot Your Dishes?

There are a number of unclaimed dishes and containers on the desk in the educational wing. Please check to see if you may have left some at church.

Website History

Take some time to visit our website: fbcdelaware.org and checkout some of the expanded history elements. FBC History, Historical Special Services, and a Photographic Tour have been added.

In addition to our archived newsletters dating back to the first Good News letter published in 1969, we have archived Order of Worship / Bulletins dating back to 1897 . A special thank you to Carol Grubbs for sharing her library of past bulletins which has filled in many of our missing bulletins, especially those in the 1990's. If you notice any missing bulletins that you may have in your library, I would love to add copies to our collection. If you have other historical items that could be included on our website, please share them with me.

-Larry Faulk, editor

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September

2024

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion Mike Reynolds, Guest Pastor</p> <p>Undies Sunday</p>	<p>Labor Day 2</p>  <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Rally Day 8</p> <p>9:15 Coffee and Pastries 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Teacher Dedication</p>  <p>Grandparents Day</p> <p>Undies Sunday</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30 Deacons</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Patriot Day 11</p>  <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 Fashion & Fixin's for Common Ground 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>7:00 Game Night Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>American Baptist Women's Sunday 15</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>Undies Sunday</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>International Day of Prayer 21 for Peace</p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am ABW Lunch Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>Autumn Begins</p> <p>Undies Sunday</p> <p>October newsletter deadline</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Gosser</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell / Remlinger</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>Christian Education Sunday 29</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service</p> <p>Undies Sunday</p> <p>October newsletter available today</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>October 1</p>  <p>Begin 31 Days of Prayer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:45 Panera Pickup - Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>September Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Ground Free Store • Undies Sundays 	